

## Progress Report

Issue 9 – Oct. 31, 2011

### **Interstate 29 (from the Missouri state line to exit 32)**

- This section of I-29 was reopened to traffic Oct. 8.
- Exit 1 remains closed while repairs are made to Iowa 333 into Hamburg.
- Work to remove the HESCO flood protection barrier along northbound I-29 near Hamburg is nearing completion.
- Work is underway on the bridge approach and embankment of the northbound bridge at milepost 1.4. Temporary median crossovers are in place routing the north- and southbound traffic into the southbound lanes between mileposts 0.8 and 3.2, while the bridge construction work is performed. The work is expected to be completed in November, weather permitting.
- An emergency bid letting is scheduled for a project involving berm stabilization around the existing bridges on I-29 at Main Ditch #6, located 0.4 mile south of Iowa 333 in Fremont County. See details below under the “Emergency bid lettings” section.

### **Interstate 29 (from milepost 55 in Council Bluffs to milepost 71 near Loveland)**

This section of interstate was reopened to traffic on Friday, Sept. 23.

### **Interstate 29 (from milepost 71 near Loveland to milepost 151 in Sioux City)**

- The I-29/Hamilton Boulevard interchange was reopened to traffic Sept. 1.
- The TrapBag removal project on I-29 in Monona County near Blencoe was completed Sept. 21.
- A slope improvement project in Monona County to flatten the median and outside foreslopes between mileposts 103 and 104 was completed Oct. 12.
- TrapBags located near milepost 78 and north of Missouri Valley are yet to be removed.

### **Interstate 680 (in Council Bluffs from I-29 to the Mormon Bridge, 3.1 miles)**

- All four lanes of I-680 will open to traffic Wednesday, Nov. 2 at approximately 2 p.m. The 130<sup>th</sup> Street interchange (exit 1) will remain closed because of necessary repair work to the adjacent local roads.
- For details about a grand reopening event scheduled before the road opening, see:  
<http://www.news.iowadot.gov/newsandinfo/2011/10/interstate-680-to-reopen-on-nov-2-grand-reopening-ceremony-planned-moriver.html>

### **U.S. 30 (from I-29 to the Missouri River, west of Missouri Valley)**

- The project to remove the TrapBags and repair the shoulders and foreslopes began Oct. 24.
- Stage 1 of the project involving removal of the bags was completed Oct. 26, ahead of schedule.
- Stage 2, which involves repairs to the foreslopes and shoulders, began today. The contractor has 20 working days to complete the project. Weather can impact available working days. During this stage, U.S. 30 will be open to single-lane traffic during the daylight hours with use of flaggers and pilot vehicles. During nighttime hours, all lanes of U.S. 30 will be open to traffic by using a shoulder closure.

**Iowa 2 (from I-29 to the Missouri River, near Nebraska City, Neb.)**

- The eastbound lanes of Iowa 2 were opened to two-way traffic on Oct. 24. All ramps at the Iowa 2/I-29 interchange were also opened.
- The westbound lanes remain closed at this time as more extensive repairs are made.
- See details below regarding the emergency revetment project on Iowa 2 over Horse Creek.

**Iowa 333 (from I-29 to Hamburg levee)**

- Repairs are underway to Iowa 333 from I-29 east one mile, including the bridge approach.
- Additional time will be required to perform work not included in the original contract. The work is necessary to accommodate the raised elevation of the replaced railroad tracks and to complete earthwork on the east side of the highway where the railroad crossing signals were washed out by the flooding.
- The goal remains to restore traffic on this roadway in November.

**Iowa 175 (milepost 0-1, includes the Decatur bridge)**

- Work on this project began Oct. 8.
- The hydraulic fill work, which is addressing the large scour hole around the bridge piers and eastern abutment, is completed on the south side of Iowa 175 and is anticipated to be completed on the north side on Tuesday.
- Pavement marking will be completed Tuesday.
- Rock fill work began last weekend and it is expected to be completed later this week.
- The roadway and bridge are scheduled to reopen as early as the end of this week.
- Other stages of this project, including construction of a weir and dike, will be performed while the roadway is open to traffic. The entire project is scheduled for completion yet this calendar year, weather permitting.

**Temporary traffic control devices**

On Nov. 7, the Iowa DOT will be removing temporary traffic control devices installed in Tabor on U.S. 275 and near Shenandoah on U.S. 59. These devices are no longer needed now that traffic on I-29 has been restored and there is less traffic using these alternative routes. For additional details, see:

<http://www.news.iowadot.gov/newsandinfo/2011/10/iowa-dot-to-remove-temporary-traffic-control-devices-in-mills-and-fremont-counties.html>.

**Emergency bid lettings**

Emergency contract bid lettings will be held at 11 a.m. each Wednesday, as needed or otherwise scheduled. Projects will be posted by noon the prior Friday. Contractors are encouraged to view the list each week and contact the Iowa DOT's Office of Contracts at 515-239-1414 to obtain proposals and plans. Go to [Bid Express](#) for complete details.

An emergency bid letting is scheduled for Nov. 9. Visit <http://www.iowadot.gov/contracts/lettings.html> for complete details, including estimating proposals and plans. Two projects are included in the letting.

- Bid order 301 - This project involves stream embankment repair at the existing bridges on Iowa 2 over Horse Creek, located 1 mile west of I-29 in Fremont County.
- Bid order 302 – This project involves berm stabilization around the existing bridges on I-29 at Main Ditch #6, located 0.4 mile south of Iowa 333 in Fremont County.